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In re Application of: Michael P. Caren et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Continuing Application for Pending

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Receipt date
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Prior Application Serial No. 09/302,922

Filed:

Title: FABRICATING BIOPOLYMER ARRAYS

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING DATE - EXPRESS MAIL RETURNED BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (37 C.F.R. (e) and O.G. Notice of Oct. 9, 2001)

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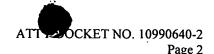
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- (i) a continuation patent application (total of 25 pages) and drawings (total of 4 pages);
- (ii) Request for a Continuing Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) -(in duplicate);
- (iii) copy of Inventors' Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application from which priority is claimed; and
- (iv) return postcard

Given this envelope was accepted by the U.S.P.S. on 11/26/01 and now returned, it is hereby requested that:

- (1) the enclosed application be given a filing date of 11/26/01; and
- (2) the postcard in the enclosed sealed envelope be stamped with the 11/26/01 filing date and application serial number, and returned to us.

If there are any outstanding issues regarding this communication, the Patent Office is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650)485-2386.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon M. Stewart Attorney for Applicants

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR FILING DATE

I am an employee of Agilent Technologies, Inc., and the Administrative Assistant to Gordon M. Stewart.

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Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Miller

Admin.Asst. to Gordon M. Stewart

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